

**Re: Fw: Durango Herald inquiry**

**Jennifer Lane** to: Sabrina Forrest

07/20/2011 11:09 AM

From: Jennifer Lane/R8/USEPA/US

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I agree that it is wise to postpone on as many as possible, but keep in mind he'll likely do a story about the fact that the meeting is planned and look for the controversy. He can do a followup story about what happens at the meeting.

I suggest we answer the basic questions about Superfund process/ authority now but tell him we're not prepared to answer questions about findings and next steps until the meeting. You can tell him we're still going over our results and preparing our presentation on findings. I'd also reiterate that the stakeholder group is a collaborative group and that is how we'll be engaging with the group and rest of the community. The only thing I'd share right now in terms of our concern is information shared at previous meetings (i.e. maybe see if Peter is willing to send him his Power Point from May stakeholder meeting as this would help the reporter to understand that the local group has concerns). Might be good for this reporter to get a general understanding of the stakeholder's concerns in advance. The loss of trout species is an important message to get out, but again-- probably best for this to come from the stakeholder group right now.

I suggest we talk with Peter about this call/ questions and try to be on the same page regarding our answers, especially to questions 1, 2, 3, 4 since it may be more appropriate right now for them to talk with the reporter. I would definitely NOT answer question #14 right now and I wouldn't use his words (of course we'd never call something a "basket case"). I'd stick to our talking points that water quality is worsening and we're concerned enough to have conducted additional sampling.

Let me know if you want to call the reporter together. Could be available later today but would prefer tomorrow.

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Sabrina Forrest--07/20/2011 10:40:01 AM---Jennifer, I don't want to respond to some of these questions at this time due to wanting to share wi

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Jennifer, I don't want to respond to some of these questions at this time due to wanting to share with the locals first. He is planning to be at the meeting. Thoughts??

Sincerely,

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1. The Animas River Stakeholders Group in 1994 apparently initiated a valid enough response to the possibility that most of San Juan County could become a Superfund site to STALL DELAY POSTPONE the designation. Why is the EPA looking at the Gladstone area now?
2. When did revisiting the Silverton area (Gladstone) begin?
3. Why?
4. You said you take soil and water samples. How many and where?
5. What do the samples reveal?
6. At your August visit to Silverton. do you present facts, make recommendations, debate merits of approaches to solutions,,issue orders?
7. Can the EPA designate a Superfund site by its own authority?
8. Do local commissioners (government) or state officials have to agree to Superfund status?
9. What does Superfund status require on part of local authorities or volunteer groups?
10. Does the EPA participate in remediation measures.?
11. Are costs of remediation shared?
12. Among what entities?
13. Can you give examples of remedial measures?
14. How serious a case is the Gladstone area? AVERAGE EGREGIOUS BASKET CASE?
15. What is the worst case (where) you've seen in similar mining communities?

Thanks for your patience, Sabrina.

Dale

